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SUBJ: KAWASAKI/SUBIC BAY REPAIR YARD

REF: STATE 213860; MANILA 12820

1. WE CONCUR IN DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT EMBASSY TOKYO NOT RAISE WITH JAPANESE SUBJECT OF KAWASAKI CONTRACT FOR SUBIC BAY REPAIR YARD. WE BELIEVE THE JAPANESE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GO DEEPLY INTO THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE IT RELATES CLOSELY TO SECURITY ISSUES AND ALSO WOULD PREFER NOT TO INTERFERE IN PRIVATE CONTRACTUAL MATTERS BETWEEN KAWASAKI AND GOJ. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO INITIATE ANY TALKS WITH KAWASAKI WITHOUT FIRST GOING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IF A NEED ARISES IN THE FUTURE WE WOULD BE HAPPY, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT, TO INITIATE TALKS WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS A DEFINED PROBLEM TO BRING UP. SUCH OCCASION WOULD BE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM TO GOJ, AND INDIRECTLY TO KAWASAKI, THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BASE RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT WE INTEND TO RETAIN THEM UNIMPAIRED.

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